

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re:	Application No. 10/559,996)	
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Filed:	October 4, 2006)	<i>Confirmation No. 4587</i>
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Applicants:	Ralf KRAHMER et al.)	
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Title:	REAGENTS FOR MODIFYING)	This Restriction Requirement was
	BIOPHARMACEUTICALS, THE)	electronically filed on November 16, 2007
	USE AND PRODUCTION)	using the USPTO's EFS-Web.
	THEREOF)	
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Art Unit:	1654)	
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Examiner:	Ronald T. Niebauer)	
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Attorney Docket:	5942/87136)	
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Customer No.:	22242)	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

Sir:

In response to the office action dated October 16, 2007, Applicants hereby elect with traverse Group I, claims 1-5, 9-15, and 17-20 and species where

Z= formula (X_c),

in which a is 3, b is 2, c is 2, d is 3, P is H and R¹ is a C5 alkoxy residue; the disclosure therefor can be found in paragraph [0045] of the U.S. publication;

W= hydrogen;

X= short chain methoxy polyethylene residues having three ethylene units; the disclosure therefor can be found in paragraph [0044].

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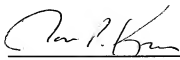
V= a C8 hydrocarbon residue which contains heteroatoms N and O and a linker group represented by a C5 alkyl chain which contains the heteroatoms N and O. The disclosure therefor can be found in paragraphs [0048] and [0054]. All pending claims are readable on the elected species.

The election is with traverse as the claims of Groups I, II and III are linked by a common inventive concept, namely compounds and/or a method of preparing compounds which exhibit at least two groups of formula (IIa). These compounds and the method for preparing such compounds are not anticipated by the prior art so that the common inventive concept is novel.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17 during its entire pendency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,
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